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FINE RECEPTION.

An Immense Crowd Welcomes the K. N. C.

There was not a vacant seat in the Court room. The bar was crowded, the aisles were full, eager auditors stood around the walls, and a crowd stood in the open door to see, to hear and to assist in the welcome to the Kentucky Normal College, the pride and hope of Louisa. The meeting was almost entirely impromptu. It was suggested by some friends of the school that it was the right thing to do and it was done. Last Friday the NEWS said such a thing was to be, and on Friday evening the people assembled, earnest and enthusiastic. It was a representative assemblage that filled that big room. Ladies, preachers of all denominations, lawyers, doctors, business men and mechanics gathered to say in the language of Lafayette, aptly quoted by one of the speakers, "Welcome, welcome, welcome" to Louisa.

Mayor Augustus Snyder presided. He opened by saying that as the speakers of the occasion had not yet arrived he would call for some resolutions by some of the School of Education. Several responded, and time but added to their well deserved reputation for ability in the way of oratory and recital.

Upon the arrival of Mr. R. T. Burns the reception proper was begun. Mr. Burns had been asked to deliver the address of welcome, and he performed this important duty in his own very original and appropriate way. He had the close attention of his big audience—and his little hearers, a difficult thing—from start to finish. His speech was full of eloquence, humor and good advice and was greeted with great applause.

The response to Mr. Burns' speech was made by Mr. Josephus Howard, of Magoffin county, a student of the Kentucky Normal. He spoke on behalf of the school, and his effort was worthy of the highest praise and the warmest words of commendation. The fact that he is a more boy, and the knowledge that he followed one of the best speakers in the Sandy Valley daunted Mr. Howard not a bit. He had fine self-possession and becoming modesty withal and in a very graceful, eloquent way acknowledge the welcome which had been spoken by Mr. Burns, the mouthpiece of the Louisa people. To these people and their beautiful town and hospitable homes Mr. Howard paid a glowing tribute. He spoke warmly of our present and predicted great things for our future. And right here the NEWS predicts that if Mr. Howard lives he will make an enviable mark in whatever sphere of usefulness he may be engaged, and he assures the young man that the people of Louisa appreciate the nice words spoken by him concerning them and their town. The other speakers of the evening were Prof. Byington, President of the college, Rev. O. F. Williams and M. S. Burns. Each spoke after his own particular fashion and each did well.

The NEWS is glad to chronicle this reception, so that its hundreds of readers in this good valley of the Big Sandy may know the temper of our people regarding the Kentucky Normal College. We are a people to believe in the school, its President, its professors and its teachers, and we believe in its students. These young people manifest an enthusiasm, an energy and an industry seldom displayed by pupils anywhere. The town is alive with these seekers after knowledge. They impress us most favorably by their demeanor, and the relations between pupils and citizen are most cordial. Come on, young men, young women; there are hundreds of you here, but there's a room and there's a welcome for all.

Flinch or Gossip.

When a woman prepares refreshments for a party she takes the inside out of something and puts in the place something that was never intended to be there.—Atchison, Kan. Globe.

Great Times in Elliott.

Gen Samuel Pearson, of South Africa, consulting engineer for the Kentucky Transval Diamond Mining Co., which is now operating in Elliott county, reports that the superintendent began January 2nd to take out a large padlock on the mine lately struck, preparatory to

running a 300-foot drift into the "crater." At the end of this drift a winze of 150 feet will be sunk. The mineral "blue" taken from this drift and winze will be weathered, washed and sorted for diamonds. Tests of diaspide, olivine, pyrope and limonite, the four well known accessories to the diamond, made in the East, show the minerals to be very hard. Some of the diaspide was about 7-12 hard—the diamond is 10.

We always said they would find things in old Elliott, and just see! Diaspide, olivine, pyrope and limonite. But see what they had to go through to find 'em. Craters, adzes, adze and pipes. We don't know what diaspide is, but we are glad to know that it is 7-12 hard.

A Delightful Function.

Mrs. Augustus Snyder was host of the Finch Club last Thursday, and the always pleasant regular meeting of the ladies was varied most agreeably by holding the session of the club in the evening and by inviting the men. And you may well believe that not a single (or married) "man person" declined the gracious invitation. There were twenty-eight strangers for introduction, and some of the introductions were quite amusing. One quiet gentleman introduced into a room in a corner, and there he stuck. One man of pills and potions played two games, progressing each time. Knowing this could be no possible chance ever happen again he gave his place to a newspaper chap and transformed himself into a looker on.

When it came to discussing the menu, however, everybody progressed nobly. And it was an elegant collation. Salads, green peas, oysters, tempting relishes, delicious cake, fragrant Mocha, cooling ices—all served on course and with generous hands made up a repast of a most satisfying character. Delightful instrumental and vocal, by Miss Kate Reese and Miss Lella Snyder, was the fitting finale to a delightful evening.

No Place For Grumblers.

A man who stands on the street corner chewing and spitting, telling how the government should be run, cursing the town, finding fault with his grandmother because she was a woman, claiming that the merchants are a lot of thieves, that the lawyers and newspaper men would skin a man to a finish and a whole lot more, is a nuisance and an abomination. Any town-pestered with one or more such word-worms would be justified in exercising cow-hide authority on the bosom of their trousers. No one is obliged to live where he is not suited. If things don't suit you, go where they will. A growler and a sorcerer in a town is an enterprise killer every time.

In a New Field.

Henry G. Snyder, formerly of Louisa, is now located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where he has formed a partnership and will practice his profession. The firm is Snyder, Owen & Snell, and it will specially practice corporation, commercial, real estate insurance and probate law and prosecute claims against the United States. Mr. Snyder was specially trained at Harvard in some of these departments of the law and this training and his natural aptitude and ability, with hustle and ambition, will doubtless bring him fame and fortune in his new location. At least this is the hope of his friends in his home town of Louisa.

Boot-Legger Bottled.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Salyer arrested and took to Chateauburg one Thomas Workman, charged with illegal retailing. It is charged that Workman is the man who sold the whiskey on Bear Creek last summer, which caused the drunken row in which a shot fired at another caused the death of Miss Sophia Rose. Workman had eluded the authorities until captured by Marshal Salyer. He is now in the Boyd county jail.

Mrs. H. B. Hewlett entertained at dinner Sunday her cousins, Emory Clark and Blaine Clark, a teacher in the Paintsville public school, and Miss Lella DeLong, a teacher in the Kentucky Normal College.

NOTHING BETTER.

New Electric Process Just Completed at Big Sandy Flour Mills.

We have heretofore spoken of the fine equipment recently installed by the Big Sandy Milling Company of Louisa, which was entirely true. At that time, however, the bleaching machinery had not been received and the flour was not as white as some of the trade demands. But now the latest and best bleaching machinery possible to buy is in place and the finishing touches are put on the flour, making it equal to the best produced anywhere. This is not an exaggerated statement. It is not even an advertisement. We speak from experience gained by using the flour. It is as white and light and delightful to the taste as the best flour that comes to this market. Being a home industry which has long been needed, and for which there should be ample patronage to keep the wheels revolving day and night, we are presenting these facts to the public in this manner.

A considerable amount of money, all local capital, has been expended to bring this mill up to its present high standard, and it deserves the patronage of the people of this section.

The new bleaching process is not the ordinary chemical method which is so much used, and sometimes with injurious effects. Electrified air does the work here, purifying and bleaching the flour. It makes good flour better and improves all grades. The officers of the Big Sandy Milling Company are as follows: R. L. Vinson, President; Robt. Dixon, Vice President, and John G. Burns, Secretary and Treasurer.

INSURANCE COMPANY.

Of Important Proportions Organized at Huntington Recently.

The Continental Casualty Company was recently incorporated at Huntington, W. Va., with \$100,000 capital and took over two companies already in existence—the Indemnity Insurance Company and the Mountain State Insurance Company.

Local interest in this matter is centered chiefly in the fact that U. S. G. Anderson, formerly in charge of Louisa's Graded School, is 3rd Vice President and General Manager of the company; and R. A. Bickel, of Louisa, is a stockholder, and also manager for a large portion of the best territory covered by the company.

Industrial insurance is the only kind written by this company and the business is therefore largest in mining and railroad shop districts.

Among prominent capitalists of West Virginia interested in the company are Stephen B. Elkins, Geo. Wilfong, and others.

Both Messrs. Anderson and Bickel have been signally successful in insurance work and the company is fortunate in securing their services. The new company is starting with phenomenal business and has such connections that there is no doubt about its continued success.

Mr. Bickel is busy completing the organization of his field, which consists of a large and active co-territory.

The Maccabees.

M. T. Elkins, the Grand Commander of the order of Maccabees of the State of Kentucky, was in Louisa several days this week on business pertaining to the Order. On Wednesday night he organized a Tent and the following officers were elected and installed: William Fulkerson, Past Commander; J. C. Carver, Commander; Mont. Holt, Chaplain; C. Y. Abbott, Treasurer and Keeper of Record; S. J. Picklesimer, Sergeant; Clyde Miller, 1st Master of Guards; Paul Gault, 2nd M. of G.; James Bromley, Inside Sentinel, and Lon Wellman, Picket. At present the Tent has twenty members and meets in the Junior Order hall. This will be the lodge room until other and better quarters are obtained.

Lock No. 1, Tug River.

During the past two or three weeks Superintendent I. C. Thomas, for Hollibach and May, con-

tractors, has had a force of fifteen or twenty men at work at Baltimore completing the construction of Lock No. 1, Tug river. The work was finished and was formally and officially received by Lieut. P. S. Bond, U. S. A., engineer in charge of the work on the Big Sandy river and its forks. The next improvement will be the dam, and there is a little doubt that this essential accessory to a lock will be applied. The Big Sandy has some very influential friends in the Congress of the United States, and whatever opposition our wants may encounter in the lower House will be overcome in the Senate.

Lawrence Circuit Court.

The regular January term of the Lawrence Circuit Court convened last Monday, Judge M. M. Redwine presiding. His Honor has lost nothing in the force and directness of his charge to grand jurors, his presentation of the law and their duty to the jury is unexcelled Monday being clear, comprehension and emphatic. The grand jury for the present term is composed of J. M. Wheeler, foreman, P. F. Rogers, W. H. Barham, D. A. O'Donohue, William R. Chambers, W. C. Johnson, J. F. Lambert, James Shannon, Elijah Hopson, G. W. Hannah, and Elias Dutton.

The petit jury is composed of the following citizens and householders: William Hostie, James L. Jordan, S. D. Bradley, F. M. Conley, Joseph Caldwell, Marion Carter, David Moore, C. B. Bromley, L. C. Gambill, Henry Lambert, A. L. Moore, Labe Simpson, F. C. Cochran, John N. Fannin, F. R. Fannin, W. W. Millard, Noah Wells, Wm. R. Vinson, Almander Hicks, Marion Wright, Jeff Ball, W. O. R. Dixon, J. M. Edwards and Ernie Miller.

The very inclement weather really lessened the number of idlers about the Court House.

The case of the Commonwealth against Jesse Cordell, former sheriff, was continued until next Monday. The grand jury returned two indictments against James Young, who cut and stabbed William Fultz and Brinkman Huffman on the train near Tunnel Siding several weeks ago. Young gave bond and the case was continued until next term.

Vanhose, the jail burner, was also indicted for obtaining goods by false pretenses.

Judge Wilhoit, of Carter county, is attending Lawrence Circuit Court. This session will probably occupy the entire term of four weeks.

The grand jury will adjourn tomorrow and the little birds say that it is "big twelve" is very busy.

Telephoning in Pike.

We observe that the people of Louisa are dissatisfied over the high charges of the telephone company. We have a very complete and efficient system, and we have never yet heard any complaint against Mr. Starkey, the manager, from any cause. The phones are supplied to the residents for \$1.50 per month; offices and places of business, \$2.00; or any resident may have one each in his office and place of business, both at \$3.00 per month; and rates up to any point this side of and to Elkhorn is 25 cents for five minutes' conversation, and beyond according to distance. We are much pleased with the system here—Pikeville item.

Very Unsafe.

The traveling public should beware of the county bridge near James Q. Lackey's. It has been condemned as unsafe and is liable to fall or cause serious injury to those who venture on it. It is the duty of the railroad company to make the bridge safe, and it will do so as soon as the weather and the condition of the earth will permit it to be done. Travelers would do well to avoid this bridge entirely until it is rendered safe. Take the ridge road. It is in good condition and is only a mile out of the usual way.

The Louisa Board of Education recently paid off \$500 of the school house bonds, thus reducing outstanding indebtedness to \$900. When the contracts for the present school year were made by the Board it was estimated that \$500 could be applied to the bond debt, and at this rate the debt will be wiped out in less than two years.

PERT PARAGRAPHS

Picked Up At Pike, Paint and Prestonsburg.

In the Court of Appeals, Pike county vs. Howards was reversed.

It is reported that E. L. Damron, of Tasso, Va., has purchased 1000 acres of timber land in Pike county.

Miss Lou Sagraves, of Lawrence county, has accepted a position as book-keeper for the Foster Hardware Co., of Paintsville.

Representative-elect Langley, of the Tenth Kentucky district, has recommended the appointment of Mrs. Victoria Trivett for the Eddy, Pike county, postoffice.

Sergeant Ky. January 12—Linville Hall, who killed Thomas Jones on Beaver creek, on the Knott-Letcher border, was arrested there today after making a fierce resistance.

Mrs. Ida McCoy Shumate, wife of Bert Shumate, of Williamson, died at her home on First-ave, Monday afternoon after an illness of some weeks, caused by measles and complications. She was formerly of Pike county.

Mr. Langley, with the co-operation of Representative Skemp, of Virginia, has also received Mr. Burton's consent to the insertion in the bill of a survey of the Big Sandy for thirty miles above Pikeville with the view of clearing the stream of such obstructions as prevent the floating of timber.

Congressman-elect John W. Langley is making great effort to effect an arrangement whereby the C. and O. will carry the mails south of Pikeville to Praise and Hellier. He called on the Postoffice Department officials to-day and may find it necessary to go to Richmond, Va., to plead with President Stevens of the C. and O. There is great demand from his constituents for this service.

Bob Cook and Anna Gausf, a burlesque band from Pike county, Ky., were arrested last night for loitering. Cook testified this morning that he had known the girl when he was up in Pike county, and that, when she came here last night she was without funds, and rather than let her spend the night on the streets, he had started to take her to his room when the police nabbed him.

He was fined five dollars for his professed good intentions.—Huntington Advertiser.

Hindman, Ky. Jan. 15.—News reached here from Brinkley today of the finding of the dead body of a woman—supposed to be that of Mrs. Sallie Amburgy, a widow, who owns extensive lands in Knott and Letcher counties.

The body was concealed in a clump of underbrush and the clothing was badly torn. Marks on the throat indicated that she may have been strangled to death.

She was supposed to keep about her house a large sum of money.

She lived with an unintelligent son, who could make no explanation of the affair.

Sergeant, y. January 12.—The big coal land litigation in this section, in which some 250,000 acres, valued at \$125,000,000, are involved, came near causing a lynching on Dorton creek today. William Mullins, Jr., has been suspected of aiding the attorneys in the fight for these old Virginia land grants, and to-day, after Mullins' arrival from a trip in the country, a posse of a dozen men with a rope, bent on lynching him, stormed his home. Mullins fled into the mountains, and is still in hiding, but the mob is after him.

Everywhere throughout the ties, Letcher, Knott, Floyd, and Pike, the people are arming themselves for the protection of their property.

In Pikeville the Plain Dealer, a newspaper representing the citizens' rights, has been closed down by the attorneys for the land granters, and Editor Casely is in Ashland, getting out the paper on the Daily Independent plant. Five thousand extra papers were issued yesterday.

The Plain Talker, a newspaper started by the land granters, distributed 10,000 papers in the four counties yes-

terday. By Monday the people will be coming into Pikeville by the thousands to be present for the legal election Tuesday.

"Uncle" Thomas May, of Pike county is the oldest and one of the best known and most beloved citizens in the Sandy Valley. He is 92 years old, and has been married for 70 years. His wife was Miss Elizabeth Leslie, who is still living, and is like her husband, hale and hearty. She is 86 years old. They live with their son, W. R. May, whose wife is a sister of B. W. Runyon. Their home is on John's creek, near John postoffice, and Grandma May assists in the house work. Uncle Tommy May's life has always been one most worthy of example. He has voted the Democratic ticket seventy times, having voted at the last election. He has been a member of the M. E. Church South, seventy odd years, and has held family worship every night for sixty years, and even now reads the chapter that precedes prayer—each night, without fail. He is the only living charter member of Thomas C. Cecil Lodge, P. and A. M., at Pikeville.

LAND GRANT

Cases Heard in County Courts of Floyd and Pike.

A large crowd of incensed citizens gathered at Prestonsburg last Monday, the time set for the attempted filing of claim to Floyd county lands under the resurrected Virginia land grants, which had been buried for more than a hundred years.

Jack Hendrick, who is said to be at the bottom of the trouble, was present. Frank Hopkins, who had been employed as an attorney in the case, did not appear, but sent an authorized announcement that he had withdrawn from the case. Hendrick made a smooth talk and was listened to respectfully by the audience that packed the court room. Attorney W. J. May spoke for the natives and took occasion to say something about Hendrick who was defiant and declared that he would perform this task even though his blood should "cover the floor and trickle down the stairway"—or gory words to that effect. Then it looked like his bluff would be called. Cries of "hang him," "shoot him," "take him out" are reported to have caused a dangerous looking scene until quiet was restored by the cooler heads.

The Judge over-ruled the motion to allow the filing of the lists for taxation, and Hendrick gave notice of appeal to the Circuit Court.

At Pikeville the next day the Pike cases came up in Court, and by agreement the same result as was had in Floyd county was entered of record. Speeches were made by prominent attorneys. The natives are represented by Hager and Stewart, of Ashland, Z. T. Vinson, of Huntington, Walter S. Harkins, and other local attorneys. A very large crowd was present, but there was no disorder.

In Letcher and Knott counties the same orders will be entered by agreement on the court records.

The Anderson Newcomb Co.

It will be news to many Louisa people to know that the well known firm of Valentine and Newcomb, of Huntington, is no more. Last week a deal was consummated whereby Mr. Eugene Anderson, of Portsmouth, O., becomes successor to Mr. J. W. Valentine in the business, and hereafter the concern will be known as the Anderson-Newcomb Co. Where the business was formerly capitalised at \$100,000 it will be increased to \$125,000.

Located on Chesapeake Bay.

A letter from L. Boyd Ferguson, a native of Louisa, but a resident of Huntington for a few years, has moved to Virginia. He and his mother and brother-in-law, L. H. Suddith, have purchased a fine farm on Chesapeake Bay, twenty miles from Old Point Comfort. They have fine oyster beds in connection with the farm and will give considerable attention to the production of the popular bivalves. Their Louisa friends hope they may find their new location pleasant and the occupation very pleasant.